

**STATEMENT BY JO TARNAWSKY**

Any suggestion that the article was Ai-generated is just wrong.

I spent many weeks crafting and refining this piece for *Crikey*. I stand by the integrity of this work which is based on my lived experience.

Like many small businesses and people generating content, I embrace the technology advances and efficiencies provided by AI tools to support my work in multiple ways.

For this article, I used AI tools to check facts, refine word choices, and proofread copy. Even then, I went through suggested amendments one by one and did not take most of them.

Extensive evidence of my process has been provided to *Crikey*, including drafting notes, iterations, internet searches for research, and other material. *Crikey* are aware that my personal experiences informed the arguments, insights, and conclusions in the series.

*Crikey* decided to remove this piece and others in the same series. This is due to their internal policies on AI which were provided to me after the articles were published.

It's a shame, but it shouldn't take away from the main point from this piece and this series – that there are benefits to understanding how power really works and using ethical influence to create change.